Families & Friends of 4-H,

What better way to start the year than with 4-H! A big thank you to 4-H youth, volunteers, and families who made 2014 such a success. As always, we appreciate your dedication and support. With the start of a new year, Somerset 4-H is anticipating great things ahead for 2015.

Best Regards,

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Bring in the New Year with 4-H

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4-H Winterfare and Operation Snowflake
January 31, 2015 in Salisbury, MD

Maryland 4-H Gala
January 18, 2015 at the Laurel Park Race Track

Maryland 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest
March 7, 2015 in Hagerstown, MD

Maryland Day
April 25, 2015 at University of Maryland College Park

Eastern Shore Regional 4-H Spring Show
May 9, 2015 at the Queen Anne’s Fairgrounds

It’s EASY to join 4-H! It’s the ultimate youth development experience in which you can be a part of clubs, activities, trips, camp, projects, leadership roles, and more. For more information about how to join 4-H, please contact the Somerset County Extension Office at 410-651-1350 and join today!

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Recent Events

2014 Princess Anne Christmas Parade
Somerset County 4-H received 2nd place in the 2014 Princess Anne Christmas Parade on Saturday December 6th. Veterinary Science Club members and 4-H volunteers contributed to the Charlotte’s Web themed float that displayed both holiday and 4-H spirit. Thank you to all those who participated!

4-H Drop & Shop Holiday Workshop
Youth enjoyed a day of holiday crafts, food, and fun at the Extension Office. Tasty snacks, paracord bracelets, ornament decoration, and homemade pizza were among a few of the activities experienced.

CLUB CORNER NEWS

Please check with your club leader for upcoming meeting dates for the New Year.

Veterinary Science Club: 2nd Saturday of every month
Livestock Club: 2nd Sunday of every month
Diamondbacks Club: 4th Tuesday of every month
Knitting Club: January 8, 2015 at the Extension Office 6-7:30pm (We will not meet during the months of February and March).

4-H Community Club (Interest Meeting)
Come be a part of 4-H in your community. Activities can include Outdoor Education, STEM, Service Learning, and much more. It is your choice. Join us for an interest meeting on January 21, 2015 at 6:00pm. We will meet at the Somerset Extension Office. Come be a part of a club that is run by you! Contact Amanda or John at 410-651-1350 if you are interested.

4-H Teen Club
Are you a 4-Her between 13-18 years old? Do you like helping others? Do you like having fun? Do you like to make new friends? If you answered yes to all these questions, then we are the prefect 4-H club for you! The Teen Club will focus on community service, leadership, and citizenship. We will also plan 4-H field trips and special learning days. An interest meeting will be held January 28, 2015 at 6pm at the Somerset Extension Office. Contact Nicole or John at 410-651-1350 if you are interested.

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Volunteer Meeting
An informal meeting at the Somerset Extension Office on **Wednesday January 14, 2015 at 6:00pm** that will include updates on 4-H policies & procedures, volunteer forms, and discussion about program planning for the 2015 4-H year. Refreshments will be provided. Please call the Extension Office at 410-651-1350 by **January 12th** to confirm your attendance.

Somerset 4-H Annual Achievement Banquet
Join us in recognizing the 2014 achievements and contributions of our 4-H youth, volunteers, families, and friends of 4-H. The location, date, and time will be announced after the first of the year. Invitations will be sent out.

Communications Contest
Do you get the jitters when you’re speaking in front of an audience? Challenge yourself by learning tips and strategies to improve your public speaking skills. On **February 10th at 6pm**, we will hold a public speaking workshop. Work on developing your speech writing and practice your public speaking skills. Please contact Nicole at 410-651-1350 to register. Participate in the Somerset 4-H Communications Contest to be held on **February 24, 2015 at 6pm** at the Somerset Extension Office.

Save the date for 4-H Night at the Delmarva Shorebirds
Come on out to the ballpark at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium with fireworks on the field! **Saturday May 30, 2015**. More information to follow.

Eastern Shore 4-H Camp 2015
Do you have camp spirit? Bring it with you to Eastern Shore 4-H Camp **June 24-28th, 2015** at Thendara 4-H Center where we will be holding our annual residential camping program. Please see the enclosed flyer for more detailed information and to register. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda, Nicole or John at the Somerset Extension Office at 410-651-1350.

Become a 4-H Camp counselor!

- Are you a leader?
- Would you like to have a fun summer?
- Do you want to make a difference in a young child’s life?
- Do you like to share your knowledge of crafts, science, nature, the outdoors, songs or games?
- Are you 14 years old or older?
SOMERSET 4-H DATES TO REMEMBER:

4-H Volunteer Meeting (Somerset Extension Office) January 14, 6-7pm

Community Club Interest Meeting (Somerset Ext. Office) January 21, 6-7 pm

Teen Club Interest Meeting (Somerset Extension Office) January 28, 6-7 pm

Winterfare/Snowflake (Christ United Methodist Church) January 31

Somerset 4-H Public Speaking Workshop (Somerset Office) February 10, 6pm

Somerset 4-H Public Speaking Contest (Somerset Office) February 24, 6pm

4-H Achievement Banquet (TBA)

4-H Camp Staff Training (Thendara) May 15-17

4-H Night at the Delmarva Shorebirds (Perdue Stadium) May 30

Eastern Shore 4-H Camp (Thendara) June 24-28

Somerset County Fair (Fairgrounds) July 23-26

Somerset 4-H Golf Tournament (Great Hope Golf Course) September 19

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